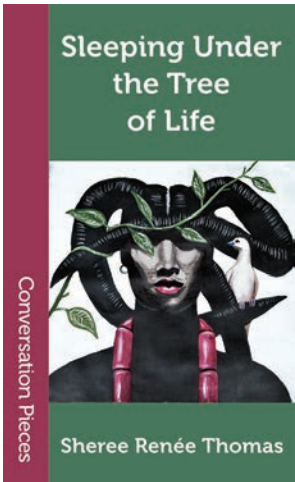
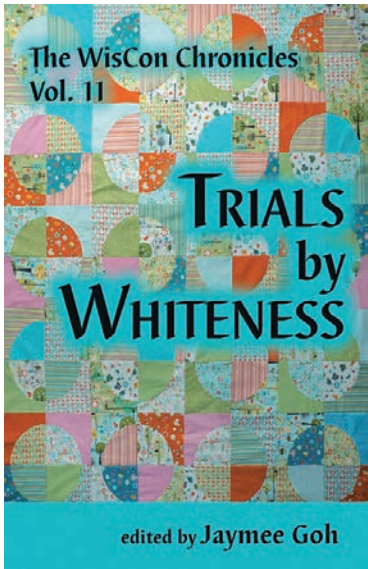
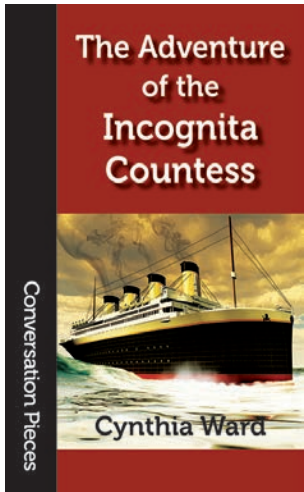
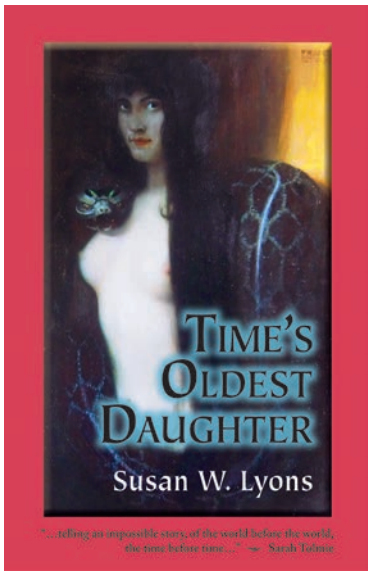
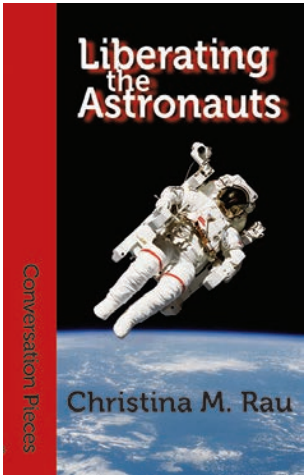
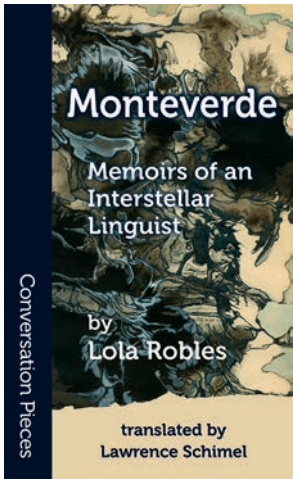
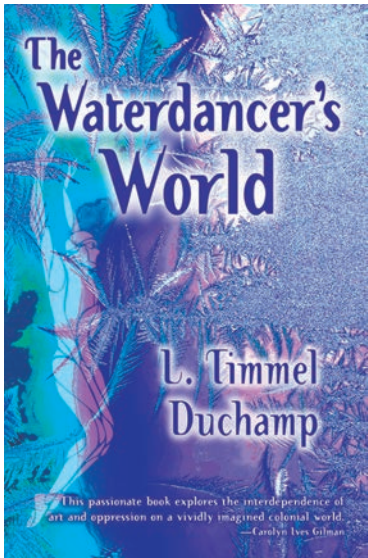


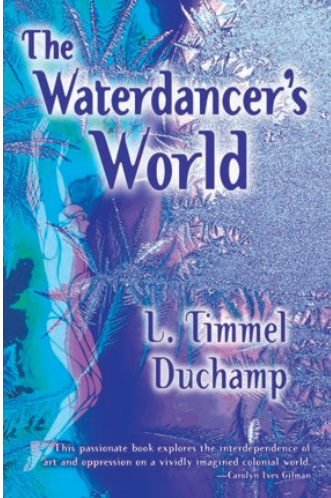
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**WORK TO STRETCH THE IMAGINATION
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New Releases



The Waterdancer's World

by L. Timmel Duchamp

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-109-4)

Humans have been struggling to live on Frogmore for almost five centuries, adapting themselves to punishing gravity and the deadly mistflowers that dominate its ecology. Financier Inez Gauthier, patron of the arts and daughter of the general commanding the planet's occupation forces, dreams of eliminating the mistflowers that make exploitation of the planet's natural wealth so difficult and impede her father's efforts to crush the native insurgency. Fascinated by the new art-form of waterdancing created by Solstice Balalzalar celebrating the planet's indigenous lifeforms, Inez assumes that her patronage will be enough to sustain Solstice's art even as she ruthlessly pursues windfall profits at the expense of all that has made waterdancing possible.

"Frogmore is not the ideal world for human colonists, but they have arrived, they intend to stay, and the military is in control and determined to eliminate any threat to the human population, even if that means doing major damage to the local ecology and trampling the rights of the indigenes.... The interplay of emotions unfolds on both an individual and

a mass level, and the role of art in human history becomes a major theme. This author's work is almost always just a bit outside the mainstream of science fiction, and that is I think part of the reason that it is so often, as in this case, intensely appealing.

Critical Mass, Don D'Amassa, October 5, 2016

"...Duchamp...raises some hard questions about society's responsibility for the well-being of its most marginalized people, suggesting that the powerful create the underclasses and keep them powerless for the sake of economic convenience. Readers will find much to ponder in Duchamp's provocative ideas about culture and colonization."

Publishers Weekly, October 2016

Time's Oldest Daughter

by Susan W. Lyons

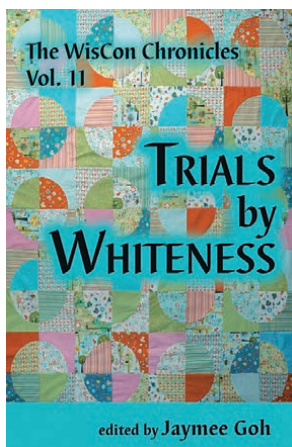
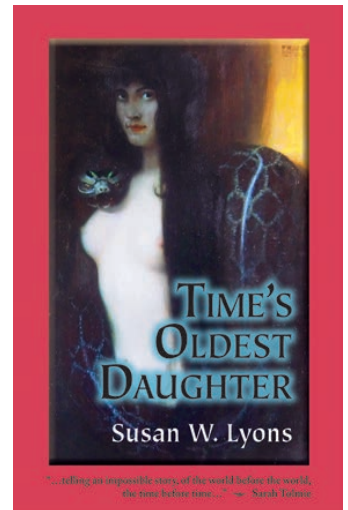
(ISBN: 978-1-61976-105-6)

As the cosmic Big Bang propels Time, energy, and matter into motion, God and Satan squabble over their respective domains while Sin and her son Death stew in squalor and despair at the Gates of Hell. All she wants is to care for her child, who has an enormous appetite but nothing to eat in their dreary prison, other than herself, of course. But then Sin notices, far above the stink and squalor of Hell, the clean and sparkling garden of Eden, where Death's apple-cheeked cousins Adam and Eve enjoy delightful childhoods and plenty of fresh, wholesome food in a setting where Death himself could thrive.

Now what's a good mother to do?

"This Divine Comedy can be genuinely comic (raucous and vulgar, with a great cast of caricatures) yet manages to slip both wise and touching moments into its sly insights about life, the universe, et cetera."

Faren Miller, *Locus*, February 2017



The WisCon Chronicles, Vol. 11: Trials by Whiteness

edited by Jaymee Goh

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-129-2)

In short fiction, poetry, personal essays, academic thinkpieces, Twitter rants, and informal Q&As, this volume begins conversations on liberation and limitations, intergenerational and international conflicts, intra-community and internal tensions.

"Whiteness is tied into so many...aspects of life: rigid gender norms arose with industrialism, supported by the colonial project. Capitalism drove the colonial project, and drives the neoliberal world order we find ourselves in today, which shuffles us as workers through a wage-dependent world. We are atomized from each other, easily moved around as nuclear families, because we are locked in.

"Beautiful ones, we come to WisCon because through science fiction and fantasy, we know better than to simply accept the status quo." from the Introduction by Jaymee Goh

New Conversation Pieces

Vol 50.

Sleeping Under the Tree of Life

Short fiction by Sheree Renée Thomas

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-111-7)



Sleeping under the Tree of Life evokes the realm of ancestral knowledge with a deep respect for the natural world, a love of language, and an invitation—for survival, and asks: Who survives without being transformed?

“Thomas’s skill with poetry and prose is remarkable, and even the shortest poems in this volume contain ideas and images that will linger in the reader’s mind.

Publishers Weekly, July 2016

Vol 51

Other Places

Short fiction by Karen Heuler

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-115-5)

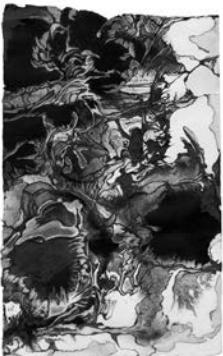


Life unfolds in strange ways. You may encounter people from your past living in your former apartments, or realize you have a penis as you engage in war-dreams, or find a planet filled with ghosts that look exactly

like the ghosts back home. Wherever you travel, you’ll have to make tough decisions about the aliens you may have harmed and the aliens who may harm you. *Other Places* follows travelers as the familiar becomes strange, and the strange becomes life.

“Heuler’s prose illuminates the strangeness of both her characters and her settings. Establishing elaborate themes and morals is no easy feat in such short narrative arcs, but Heuler does it admirably, quickly laying the groundwork for her myriad of worlds, cultures, and travelers.”

Publishers Weekly, September 2016



Vol 52

Monteverde: Memoirs of an Interstellar Linguist

A novella by Lola Robles
tr. by Lawrence Schimel

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-117-9)

Terran scholar Rachel Monteverde journeys to Aanuk, a paradisiacal planet famous for both its beaches and the generosity of its nomadic inhabitants. The aanukiens are

not the only people on the planet, however: Rachel is eager to meet the Fihdia, a cave-dwelling people who share a congenital condition that makes them blind. Rachel’s relentless determination to communicate with them despite the Aanukien’s dismissal and the Fihdia’s secretiveness will yield more than she ever hoped for.

Vol 53

The Adventure of the Incognita Countess

A novella by Cynthia Ward

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-119-3)



It’s the easiest assignment a British intelligence agent could hope for. Lucy Harker needs only see the secret plans of the Nautilus safely across the Atlantic. As German spies are largely a fantasy of newspapers, she anticipates no activities more strenuous than hiding her heritage as Dracula’s dhampir daughter. Then among her fellow Titanic passengers she discovers the incognita Countess Karnstein—and it seems the seductive vampire is in Germany’s service. Can Agent Harker stake Carmilla before her own heart—and her loyalty to the British Empire—are subverted by questions as treacherous as a night-cloaked iceberg?

Vol 54

Boundaries, Border Crossings, and Reinventing the Future

Essays by Beth Plutchak

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-121-6)



The personal is political, and the political is personal.

This collection of essays and an sf tale explores the intersections of representation, science fiction, feminism, social justice, and fandom, specifically in relationship to the feminist sf convention WisCon. Plutchak argues that to build a new future we need new stories, stories that tell us where we have been as well as show us where we are going, and she uses feminist theory to analyze feminist sf fandom’s history, present, and future.

Vol 55

Liberating the Astronauts

Poetry by Christina M. Rau

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-127-8)



From the Pointer Sisters doing the Neutron Dance to David Bowman’s exclamation while traveling through the star gate near Jupiter; from stealing Joan Didion’s sadness to erasing F. Scott Fitzgerald’s *Gatsby*; this collection weaves its way through the awkward paradox of wanting freedom while fearing it. A little science, a bit of sci-fi, a little feminism, a bit of lit, in *Liberating The Astronauts*, we see that not fitting in gives us the freedom to stand out.

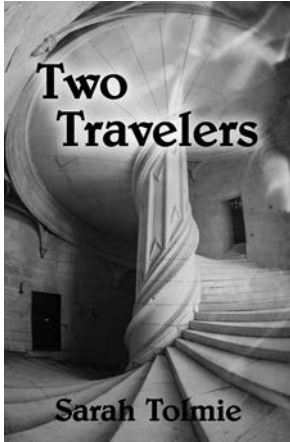
“Since the dawn of time, man has dreamed of visiting the stars... Christina M. Rau’s new book...is one of the most intriguing collections of poetry that investigates this instinctual call of discovery. She examines outer and inner space, with poems that tap into science as depicted through fact, fiction, and fantasy.... Rau takes the reader for a ride of adventure and discovery...”

Peter V. Dugan

Two Travelers

by Sarah Tolmie

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-103-2)



The two stories that make up *Two Travelers* are portal fictions in an existential style like Isak Dinesen's, exploring exile and identity.

A contemporary woman wakes up on a stone staircase in a baroque palace, not speaking the language of the place and lacking the sigil or chemical signature that allows people to identify each other within the complex social hierarchy.

A man from an eighteenth-century world travels, inexplicably and repeatedly, in his sleep, to contemporary America. With this new world as a refuge he gradually becomes a freedom fighter for his people, who live as servants and exiles among foreigners on his home planet. He and his family can never fully settle in our world because they, like all of the people, are intimately bound to the land they come from.

"Author and professor Tolmie...delivers an exquisite duo of short stories in this slim volume.... Rich with detail, both stories are imbued with baroque sensibilities, a refreshing deviation from the typical medieval setting. Rather than relying on pure exposition, Tolmie uses the characters' interactions and personalities to bring color to the unique magic of each setting. Tolmie's investigations of identity, place, and personal meaning are a delight to read and a great contribution to the genre."

Publishers Weekly, April 2016

A Locus Recommended First Novel

The Stone Boatmen by Sarah Tolmie

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-051-6)

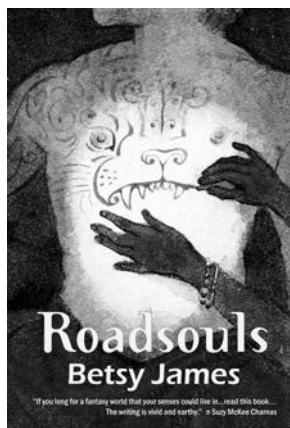
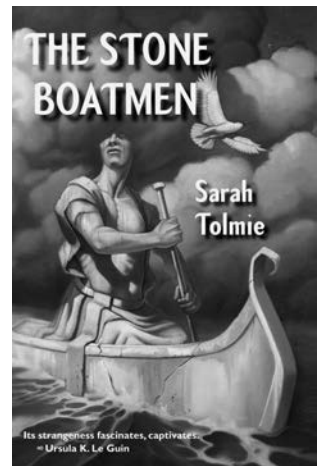
Tolmie tells a tale of three cities, separated by oceans, lost to one another long ago: the first, the city of rituals, of ceremonies; the second, the city of words, of poetry; and the third, the city of the golden birds, of dreams. In their harbors stand the stone boatmen, pointing outward toward the unknown.

"...a powerfully original first novel... At any moment, beauty may strike with random grace, and unpretentious little details evoke the sense of wonder. Reading *The Stone Boatmen* feels as natural as breathing, but you can't take anything for granted."

Faren Miller, *Locus*, April 2014

"In Tolmie's novel, writing becomes a holy act, temple birds carry an ancient grief, and statues that never move are eerily alive. You will want to find such places once you've finished reading this remarkable novel,"

Nancy Hightower, *The Washington Post*, March 18, 2014



Roadsouls

by Betsy James

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-091-2)

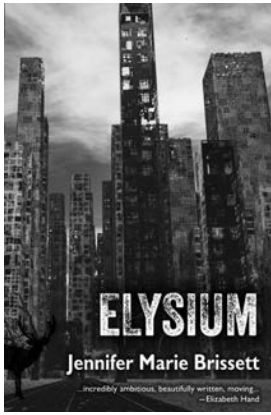
"Say yes to the Roadsouls, and you can't unsay it."

Even when that yes has sucked you out of your old life and hurled you into a world that will strip you and change you forever.

"If you long for a fantasy world that your senses could live in, and that isn't full of scheming nobility, cynical warriors, mass hatreds, and magic as a weapon, read this book. Its backbone is the wandering life of a sort of gypsy-hippie-circus group traveling a pre-industrial landscape and offering a way out to the misfits and throw-aways.... Vivid and earthy, celebrating a rural world with its sights and smells and wildlife, and the customs and pithy, colorful speech of its people...." Suzy McKee Charnas,

"The Roadsouls, and the novel as a whole, are...open to wonder: genuine transformations that just happen, without rituals or spells.... Betsy James deliberately avoids the tropes and narratives typical of long fiction (mainstream, heroic fantasy, or romance)."

Faren Miller, *Locus*, April 2016



Special Citation, 2015 Philip K. Dick Award
James Tiptree, Jr. Award Honor List
a Locus New and Notable Book

Elysium by Jennifer Marie Brissett

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-053-0)

A computer program etched into the atmosphere has a story to tell, the story of two people, of a city lost to chaos, of survival and love. The program's data, however, has been corrupted. As the novel's characters struggle to survive apocalypse, they are sustained and challenged by the demands of love in a shattered world both haunted and dangerous.

"Wow! Jenn Brissett's new novel...is a knockout. The writing and structure of the book are so accomplished, I'm amazed this is a first novel.... It's a science fiction, post-apocalyptic, tale.... A love story for a new age. The structure of the novel was the most startling thing to

me—a complex construction that never comes across as complicated. The effect is like a magic trick. Great characters that make the adventure worth the journey."

Jeffrey Ford, author of *The Shadow Year* and *Crackpot Palace*

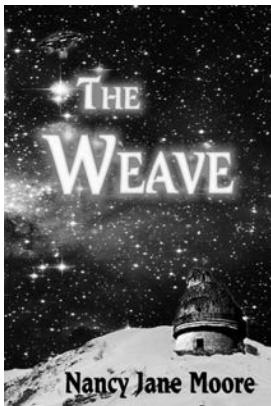
"Brissett deftly handles the challenge of a multitude of characters all being the same people in a multitude of places that are the same place, while exploring complicated questions about identity."

Publishers Weekly, October 2014

A Locus Recommended First Novel

The Weave by Nancy Jane Moore

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-077-6)



The crew of the interstellar ship *Mercator* is making valuable discoveries in the Doradoan region, but conflict is mounting between them and the inhabitants of the Earthlike-planet Cibola. Xenologist Caty Sanjuro knows Cibolans can stop human settlements on their planet, but her superiors think she's just gone native. Sundown, a Cibolan astronomer, is working to keep the resistance peaceful, but others see no reason for caution: they have successfully fought off invaders in the past. Despite the growing friendship between Sanjuro and Sundown, preventing war is looking more and more impossible.

"Unique protagonists. Unique aliens. Unique war."

"Nancy Jane Moore's remarkable first novel drew me in and kept me reading and left me, at the end, knowing that Caty Sanjuro and Sundown the Cibolan continue their work and their lives and their friendship. My favorite kind of novel."

Vonda N. McIntyre, author of *Dreamsnake*, *The Moon and the Sun*, and *The Starfarers Quartet*

"In this accomplished first novel, Nancy Jane Moore dramatizes at least three great speculative themes: first contact, telepathic communication, and earthlings and aliens at war. In so doing, Moore narrates the compelling struggle of a brave human xenologist, Caty Sanjuro, to wring interspecies harmony from the chaos of interspecies misunderstanding and mistrust. Like Ursula Le Guin, Moore never settles for pat or clichéd extrapolations. Further, she treats each of her archetypal themes with adult thought-experiment thoroughness and all her characters, human and alien, with insight, respect, and compassion. Aficionados of real science fiction will love and celebrate this remarkable debut."

Michael Bishop, author of *A Funeral for the Eyes of Fire*

A Locus Recommended First Novel

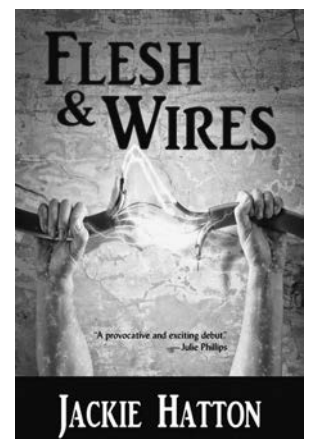
Flesh & Wires

by Jackie Hatton (ISBN: 978-1-61976-085-1)

Following a failed alien invasion the world left is sparsely populated with psychologically scarred survivors, some of them technologically-enhanced women. Lo, leader of the small safe haven of Saugatuck, finds her technological enhancements put to the test when a spaceship arrives bearing two men with both wonderful and terrifying news. *Flesh & Wires* raises questions about community, colonialism, immigration, and basic human rights, and challenges our assumptions about the ties and obligations of family, community, and society in a crisis situation.

"Jackie Hatton shows us real women in extreme circumstances: survivors of disaster, traumatized and divided among themselves, with superhuman powers and all-too-human hearts. As they confront change, we witness their desperation, their hope, their need to discover the full range of their powers. A provocative and exciting debut."

Julie Phillips, author of *James Tiptree Jr.: The Double Life of Alice B. Sheldon*



Space is Just a Starry Night

Short fiction by Tanith Lee

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-031-8)

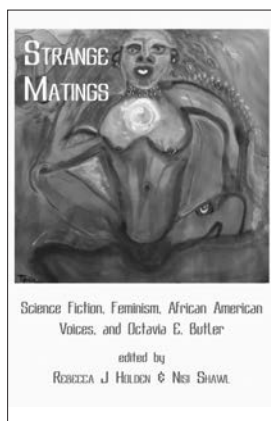
The tales in *Space is Just A Starry Night* range across genres, as elegant as the field of stars spanning a clear dark sky.

"Lee's powerful science fiction collection assembles 12 tales published between 1979 and 2011, plus two originals. All of them showcase her strong, entertaining, and often gorgeous writing."

Publishers Weekly, May 2013



Strange Matings: Science Fiction, Feminism, African American Voices, and Octavia E. Butler



edited by Rebecca J. Holden
and Nisi Shawl

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-037-0)

Strange Matings seeks to continue Butler's uncomfortable insights about humanity, and also to instigate new conversations about Butler and her work

"This noteworthy anthology... consists of a wide-ranging selection of sometimes-dense scholarly essays, highly readable reminiscences and

personal essays, poems, correspondence, photographs, and interviews."

Publishers Weekly, May 2013

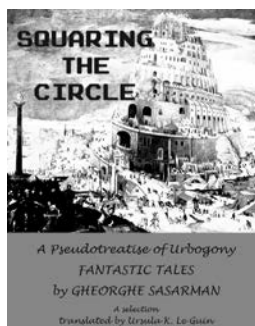
Squaring the Circle: A Pseudotreatise of Urbogony

Short fiction by Gheorghe Săsărman,
tr. Ursula K. Le Guin

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-025-7)

"These trippy, cutting 24 stories, chosen by SF/F grande dame Le Guin from a collection of 36 originally published in Romanian in 1975, inevitably draw comparisons to Italo Calvino's *Invisible Cities*. Both explore society and human psyche through architectural descriptions of imaginary cities, but Săsărman's masterfully crafted prose poems feel more immediate, serving as spellbinding descriptions of architectural impossibilities as well as slyly subversive social commentary."

Publishers Weekly, March 2013.



Necessary Ill

A novel by Deb Taber

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-022-6)

"In Taber's fascinating debut, set in an alternate near-future America, humankind fast approaches a Malthusian crisis.... Skillful pacing, unpredictable twists, nail-bitingly tense moments, and an adroit resolution make this an unusual and engrossing addition to the postapocalyptic genre."

Publisher's Weekly, January 2013 (starred review)

"Taber's debut novel presents an all-too-credible dystopic future world and, in Jin, a complex character whose mind approaches the world and its priorities in a very different way. The characterization of truly genderless individuals—not androgynes or hermaphrodites—and the portrayal of an approach to the world that is both ruthless and compassionate make this an excellent candidate for book discussion groups and provide strong evidence for the availability of significant genre literature. Highly recommended."

Library Journal, starred review, March 15, 2013

Missing Links and Secret Histories

A Selection of Wikipedia Entries
from Across the Known Multiverse

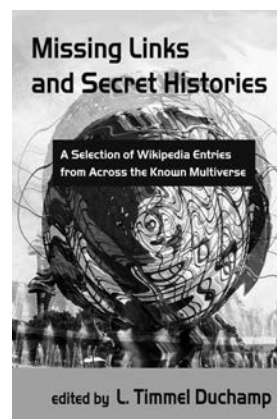
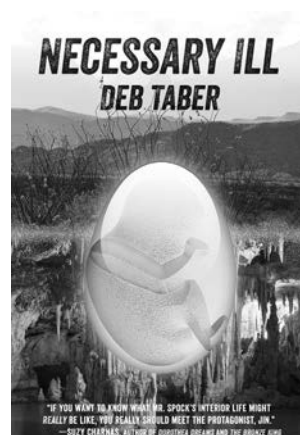
edited by L. Timmel Duchamp

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-039-4)

Ever wonder who that frequent addressee of Anglophone Nineteenth century narrators, "Dear Reader," really was? About Nancy Drew's mother? Or what the true story on which Edgar Allan Poe based his melodramatic "Fall of the House of Usher" was? Perhaps it never occurred to you to wonder if there might be a relationship between H.G. Wells' Dr. Moreau and Joseph Conrad's Col. Kurtz, or why the popularity of fairy attendance waned in the eighteenth century. *Missing Links and Secret Histories* elucidates these and other mysteries (some admittedly rather obscure).

"Like Wikipedia, this book is written by many contributors but forms a unified whole.... a wicked and witty sendup of how history is written today—and how some people and stories are systematically edited out of it. ...We are invited to think about whose stories disappear from the timestream, and why some ideas are so quickly erased by cultural amnesia and editorial 'consensus.'"

Annalee Newitz, NPR, June 2013



The Moment of Change

An Anthology of Feminist Speculative Poetry

edited by Rose Lemberg

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-006-6)

"In these pages you will find works in a variety of genres — works that can be labeled mythic, fantastic, science fictional, historical, surreal, magic realist, and unclassifiable; poems by people of color and white folks; by poets based in the US, Canada, Britain, India, Spain, and the Philippines; by first- and second-generation immigrants; by the able-bodied and the disabled; by straight and queer poets who may identify as women, men, trans, and genderqueer."

from the Introduction by Rose Lemberg

"...there is a great deal of anguish in this book: the anguish of silenced voices, of the belittled and ignored, the anguish of suffering as well as the anguish of circumscribed success. However, there is also a sort of wild, free-wheeling determination bound up in and spurred on by that anguish—a desire for freedom, a desire for recognition, a desire for the moment in which the poem transcends mere text and speaks truths....

"These poems are howling, and they are whispering, and they are calmly—or madly—telling stories about what it means to be a woman, any kind of woman, any person who reaches out for the name 'woman.'"

Brit Mandelo, *Tor.com*, June 2012



Feminist Voices: The Best of Femspec's Creative Work, the First Ten Years

edited by Batya Susan Weinbaum

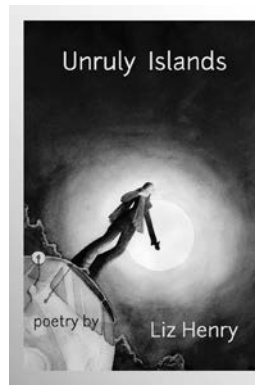
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Fiction by

Marleen S. Barr * Finisia Fideli * Marilyn Gale * K. A. Laity
Rebecca Lesses * Debra Jo Schleef * Gina Wisker

Poems by

Karen Alkalay-Gut * Phebe Beiser * Tara Leonard
Jane Liddell-King * Susan McLean * Barbara Minchinton
Glenis Redmond * Doreen Russell * Lorraine Schein



Unruly Islands

Poetry by Liz Henry

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-97-3)

"With all the awe and shiny of Barbarella, the breathless curiosity of Robert Hayden's *American Journal*, and the dismal, too-real fluorescent sheen of the corner store, Liz Henry takes the world (and the otherworld) and makes it ours in all of its signal and noise, its glorious classwar and cussmouth. "

Daphne Gottlieb, author of *15 Ways to Stay Alive*
and *Final Girl*

"Liz Henry's protean, phantasmagorical images slingshot us out and boomerang us back simultaneously over multiple plains in all directions. Immediate, futuristic, subliminal. An intimate, wild ride through a surrealistic mind field."

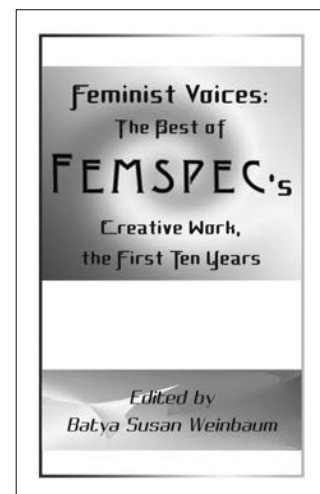
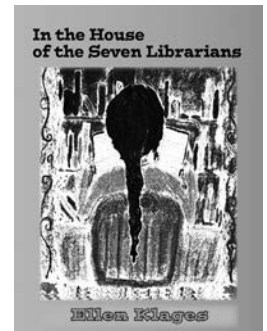
Maureen Owen, author of *Imaginary Income*
and *Zombie Notes*

In the House of Seven Librarians

A novella by Ellen Klages
(ISBN: 978-1-933500-98-0)

When an old Carnegie library is closed, its seven librarians refuse to abandon their home. They lock the doors, and the forest grows around them like a cloak, sheltering them from the rest of the world. But their lives are changed when a book of fairy tales is found in the Book Drop, very, very overdue. The payment? A first-born child.

In the House of the Seven Librarians is a timeless tale for anyone who spent a childhood in the refuge of the public library, or who believes that a world full of books is a truly magical place.



CO-WINNER OF THE 2012 JAMES TIPTREE, JR. AWARD

Ancient, Ancient

Short fiction by Kiini Ibura Salaam

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-87-4) a *Locus* recommended book

"Salaam treats words like the seductive weapons they are. She wields them to weave fierce, gorgeous stories that stroke your sensibilities, challenge your preconceptions, and leave you breathless with their beauty."

Nalo Hopkinson, author of *The New Moon's Arms* and *The Salt Roads*

"Kiini Ibura Salaam is a natural-born storyteller and a gorgeous writer who chooses her characters and words with the care and skill of a poet. Her stories are transformative, wise, and vivid with the quality of fantasy and fable."

Sheree Renée Thomas, author of *Shotgun Lullabies* and
editor of the *Dark Matter* anthology series

"Salaam's collection of 10 reprints and 3 original stories introduces readers to alternate worlds built around magic, sensuality, sexuality, and the search for emotional comfort, however tenuous."

Publishers Weekly, March 2012



CO-WINNER OF THE 2008 JAMES TIPTREE, JR. AWARD

Filter House

Short fiction by Nisi Shawl

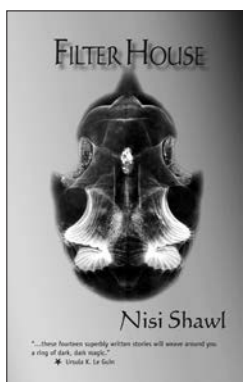
(ISBN: 978-1-933500-19-5)

Finalist for World Fantasy Award

Named in *Publisher's Weekly* best SF/F list

"This exquisitely rendered debut collection of 11 reprints and three originals ranges into the past and future to explore identity and belief in a dazzling variety of settings. ...The threads of folklore, religious magic, family and the search for a cohesive self are woven with power and lucidity throughout this panorama of race, magic and the body."

Publishers Weekly, June 2008 (Starred Review)



Centuries Ago and Very Fast

Short fiction by Rebecca Ore

Nominated for the 2009

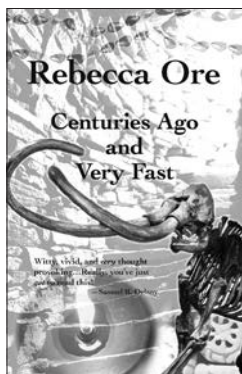
Philip K. Dick Award

Finalist for the 2010 Lambda Award

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-25-5)

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Faren Miller, *Locus*, June 2009



Time and Robbery

Short fiction by Rebecca Ore

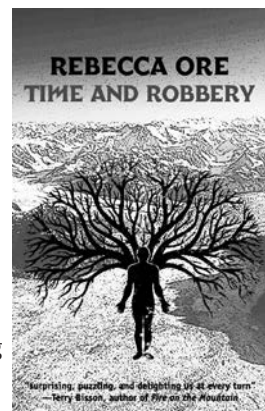
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Terry Bisson, author of *Fire on the Mountain* and *TVA Baby*

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John DeNardo, *Kirkus Book Reviews*, February 2012



ANDREA HAIRSTON



Will Do Magic for Small Change

(ISBN: 978-1-61976-101-8)

Cinnamon Jones dreams of stepping on stage and acting her heart out, but at 5'10" and 180 pounds, she's theatrically challenged. Her family life is a tangle of mystery and deadly secrets, and nobody is telling Cinnamon the whole truth.

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Redwood and Wildfire

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-52-2)

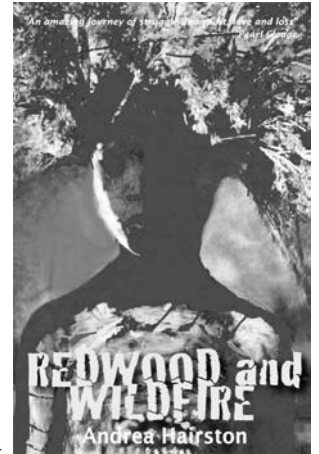
Winner of the 2011 James Tiptree, Jr. Award

Winner of the Carl Brandon Society's Kindred Award

Comments from the Tiptree Jury

"This vivid and emotionally satisfying novel encompasses the life of Redwood, a hoodoo woman, as she migrates from rural Georgia to Chicago at the turn of the 20th century. While Redwood's romance with Aidan Wildfire is central to the novel, female friendship is also a major theme.... Hairston incorporates romantic love into a constellation, rather than portraying it as a solo shining star. Her characters invoke a sky where it can shine; they live and love without losing themselves in cultural expectations, prejudices, and stereotypes, all within a lovingly sketched historical frame.

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(ISBN: 978-1-933500-03-4)

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Honor List for the
James Tiptree, Jr. Award

"[We] engage with an
ensemble cast of sufficient
originality and variety to

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New York Review of Science Fiction, October 2006

"...a dazzling work of science fiction... an intoxicating, almost hallucinogenic journey into a vision of Earth's future..." *The Women's Times*, February 2006

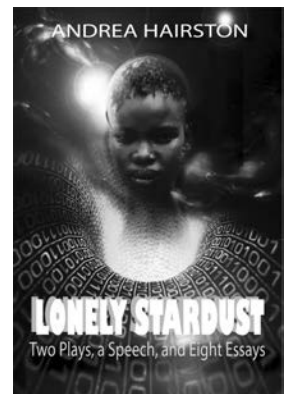
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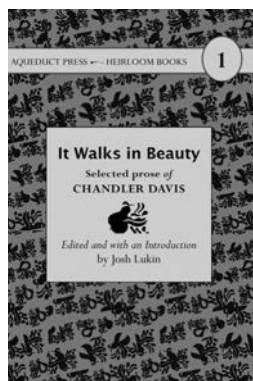
"... Hairston shows us how different narratives lend power to different perspectives. It's not everyday that we get a collection that includes movie reviews and the scripts for plays.... They form a cohesive whole and illuminate multiple facets of this award winning author.... Reading these essays makes me appreciate her storytelling all the more...."

Los Angeles Review of Books, Karen Burnham, September 2014





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It Walks in Beauty

Selected prose of
Chandler Davis

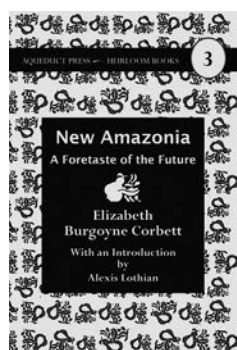
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(ISBN: 978-1-933500-37-9)

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Eleanor Arnason, author of *Ring of Swords* and
A Woman of the Iron People



New Amazonia A Foretaste of the Future

A novella by
Elizabeth Burgoyne Corbett
with an Introduction
by Alexis Lothian

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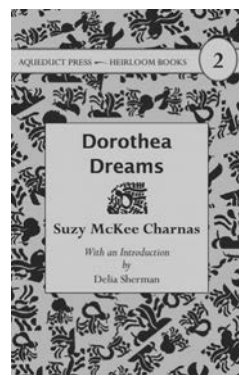
Dorothea Dreams

A novel by
Suzy McKee Charnas

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-39-3)

"For me, *Dorothea Dreams* is the most purely beautiful of [Suzy McKee Charnas's] novels. It is certainly the one that speaks most directly to my own fears and obsessions. When I read it, I am proud to be a woman, proud to be an artist, even proud to be asthmatic and mortal and fallible, because they're all part of being human. And that's what art and literature are about, aren't they? The glory and shame of the human condition."

from the Introduction by Delia Sherman, author of *The Porcelain Dove* and co-editor of *Interfictions: An Anthology of Interstitial Writing*



The Merrill Theory of Lit'ry Criticism

by Judith Merrill

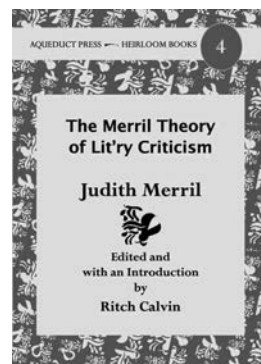
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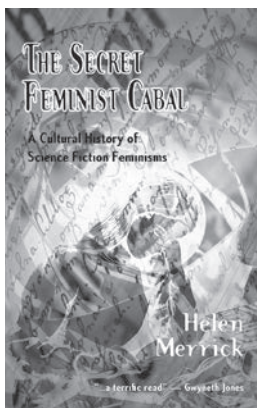
— from Merrill's review of Theodore Sturgeon's
"The Other Man" (Year's Best, 1957)

Although Judith Merrill is best known for her short fiction and her novels (in collaboration with C. M. Kornbluth), she wrote a great deal of nonfiction. She wrote about SF fandom. She wrote about space and space exploration. And she wrote about science fiction. This volume collects Merrill's nonfiction from *The Magazine of Fantasy and Science Fiction*, *Extrapolation*, and her Year's Best anthologies. In these collected pieces, Merrill works through and develops her definition of "S-F" and what makes S-F good. She chronicles changes within the genre, including the emergence of the New Wave. And she provides a history of the genre: its writers, its publishers, and its magazines.

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WINNER OF THE WILLIAM ATHELING JR. AWARD, 2010



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Rick Kleffel, *The Agony Column*, November 2009

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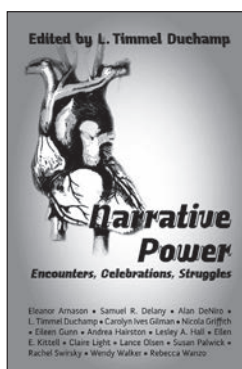
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Anil Menon, *Strange Horizons*, August 2010



A *Locus* recommended book
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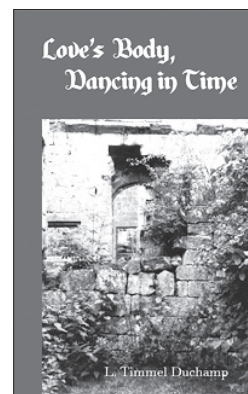
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Booklist "STAR" Review, March 2004



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Short fiction by Kelley Eskridge

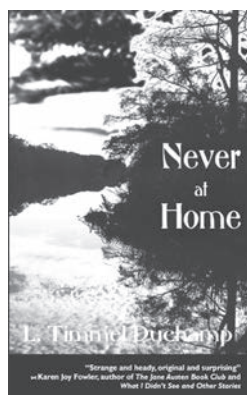
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Rick Kleffel, *The Agony Column*,
March 2007



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Rick Kleffel, *The Agony Column*, April 2006

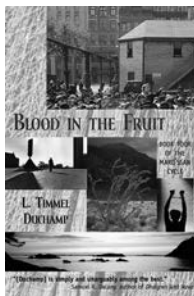
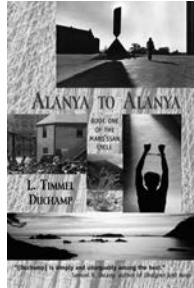
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A.M. Dellamonica, *Science Fiction Weekly*, January 2007



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Don D'Amassa, *Critical Mass*, September 2007

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Jeff VanderMeer, www.omnivoracious.com

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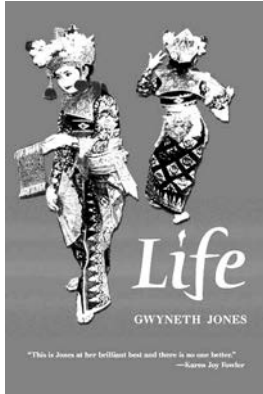
"Like its predecessors, this is very much a novel of ideas and personal relations rather than of action or adventure.... If you enjoy books designed to stimulate thought as well as entertain you, Duchamp's speculations about the forms of government and the ways in which people in power interact should prove very rewarding."

Donald D'Amassa, *Critical Mass*, April 2008

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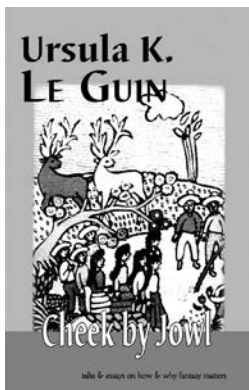
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Gary K. Wolfe, *Locus*, April 2009



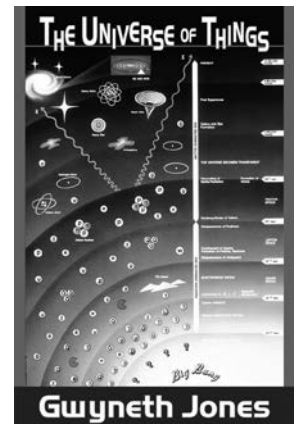
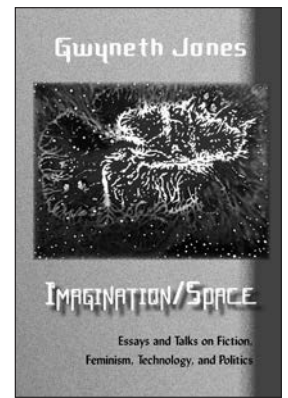
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Ernest Lilley, *SF Revu*, December 2009



80! Memories & Reflections on Ursula K. Le Guin

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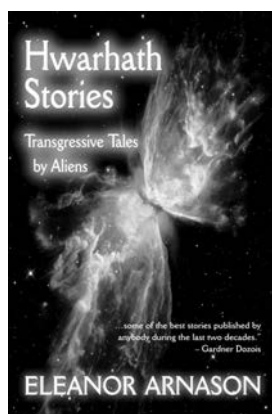
"Written as a birthday tribute to one of speculative fiction's most beloved forerunners, this slim volume honors Le Guin with accounts that detail how several friends and former students came to love her work. Evidence abounds of Le Guin's generous, inquiring, and feminist spirit, and her rare ability to show us

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Publishers Weekly, January 2011



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from the translator’s Introduction

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In this witty romp of a planetary romance, Lydia Duluth joins a motley crew of intergalactic travelers to explore the long lost homeworld of the Atch, who have a mysterious history they’d like to keep buried on the planet they left behind. But the expedition goes alarmingly awry when a rogue

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Big Mama Stories

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Roy Sloan (Amazon Review)

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Nominated for the 1990 Locus Awards: SF NOVEL.

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anonymous (Amazon Review)

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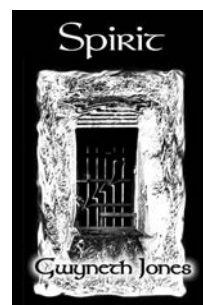
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Spirit, or The Princess of Bois Dormant

by Gwyneth Jones

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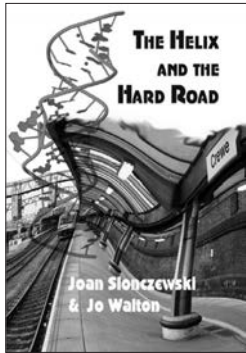
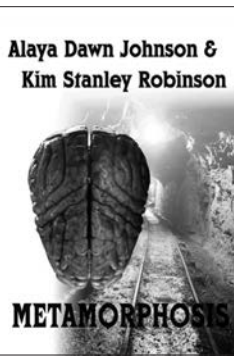
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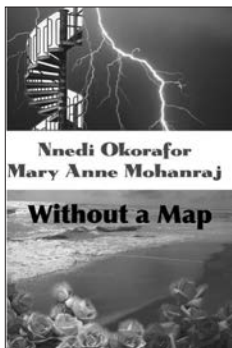
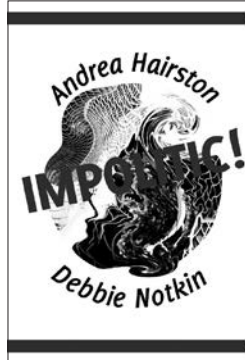
collection of Walton's poetry, "Rivers and Robots." In addition, the authors talk at length with interviewers knowledgeable about their work.

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Andrea Hairston
& Debbie Notkin

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Notkin samples her incisive blog posts on body politics, examining the narratives told about our bodies and how we are told to live in and think about them. Hairston offers us a short fiction, "Griots of the Galaxy," and her essay "Prophetic Artists," looks to Octavia Butler and others to illuminate the immanent possibilities of the here and now.



Without a Map

Mary Anne Mohanraj
& Nnedi Okorafor

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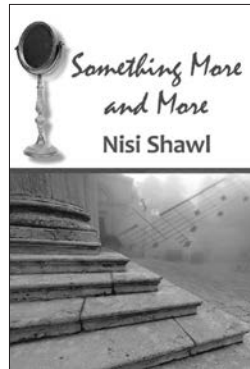
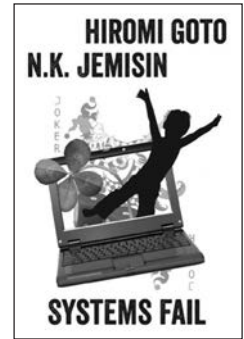
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Systems Fail

by Hiromi Goto and N.K. Jemisin

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Goto's poignant "What Isn't Remembered" imagines a mother, holding out against technological pressures in a future in which people delete undesirable memories. In Goto's "The Sleep Clinic for Troubled Souls," Desdemona, "dying of loneliness," is driven to seek out an improbable clinic because for her, "sleep is like a drink of cool water...but there's nothing but sand everywhere I look." In Jemisin's Hugo finalist "Non-Zero Probabilities," Adele wakes up to a frighteningly new day in NYC, in which Murphy's Law suddenly clamps down with a vengeance. Jemisin's series of essays brings us incisive critical thinking about race and gender politics in the sf/f field at large.



Something More and More

Nisi Shawl

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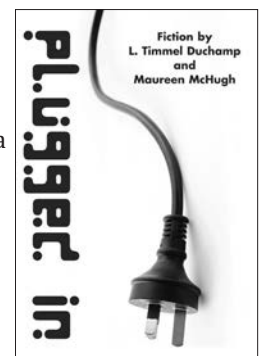
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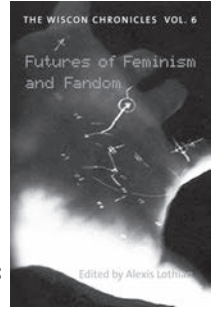
from Alaya Dawn Johnson's GoH Speech,
WisCon 39



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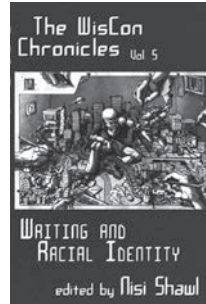
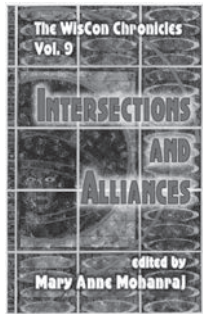
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from the Introduction by Mary Anne Mohanraj



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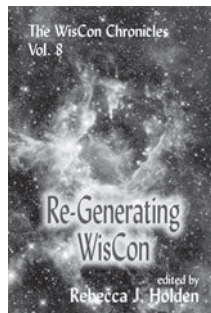
from the Introduction by Sylvia Kelso



The WisCon Chronicles, Vol 8
Re-Generating WisCon

edited by Rebecca J. Holden
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The poems, stories, blogs, essays, and speeches within these pages explore the generations and feminism(s) of WisCon. Various "waves" of feminism are discussed, alluded to, and chronicled, through vitally important tellings and retellings.



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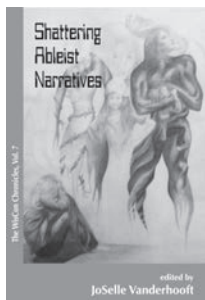
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edited by JoSelle Vanderhooft

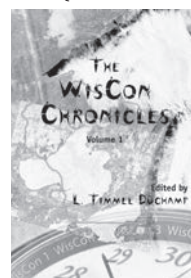
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The WisCon Chronicles, Vol. 1

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Jonathan Goldberg, "The History That Will Be" in Louise Fradenburg and
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MultiVerse Speculative Poetry Reviews, June 2005



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Paula Guran, *Writers.com Newsletter*, Vol 9, no. 3

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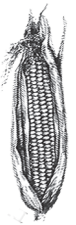
Alien Bootlegger

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with a new introduction

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Michael Levy, *New York Review of Science Fiction*, August 2006

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Edited by L. Timmel Duchamp

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Locus, January 2007

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A Monograph by Lesley A. Hall

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A Novella by Sue Lange

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Racheline Maltese, Books Correspondent for *Gather.com*, October 2007

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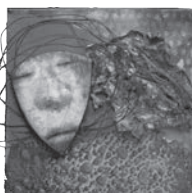
Making Love in Madrid

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Jeff VanderMeer, *Realms of Fantasy*, April 2008

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Short Fiction

by Carolyn Ives Gilman

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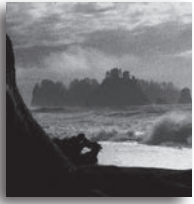
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**Voices From Fairyland:
The Fantastical Poems of Mary
Coleridge, Charlotte Mew, and
Sylvia Townsend Warner**

Edited by Theodora Goss
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A Novella by Lisa Tuttle
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Val Grimm, *The Fix*, January 2009

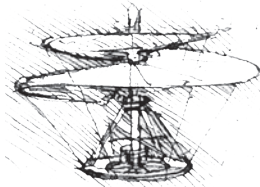
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De Secretis Mulierum

A Novella by
L. Timmel Duchamp
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**A Locus recommended
novella for 1995,
the year of its original publication.**

According to the Pentagon-owned-and-operated Past-Scan Device, Leonardo da Vinci and Thomas Aquinas were both women in drag. Jane Pender's advisor says that's impossible, that the technology must be bogus, and pulls the plug on Jane's dissertation research on Leonardo. What's a feminist graduate student to do? What else, but do the research behind her advisor's back, of course...



**Winner of the 2008
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A Novella by Vandana Singh

Honor list for 2009 Tiptree Award

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Bob Blough, *Tangent Online*, July 2009



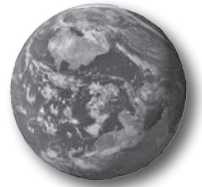
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**Three Observations and a
Dialogue: Round and About SF**

Essays by Sylvia Kelso

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-28-7)

After WisCon 20, Sylvia Kelso engaged Lois McMaster Bujold in a rich, snappy correspondence about Bujold's Vorkosigan novels, published here: "Letterspace: In the Chinks Between Published Fiction and Published Criticism." Also included are three critical essays discussing the intricacies of being an Australian feminist scholar writing about science fiction, colonialism in science fiction by women, and Bujold's Vorkosigan novels.



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The Buonarrotti Quartet

Short fiction by Gwyneth Jones

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The Buonarrotti Quartet shows us humans traveling via the device to alien worlds. Some are diplomats, some are extreme travelers, some are prisoners. All are in for a rough, wild ride.

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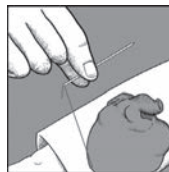
Slightly Behind and to the Left

Short Fiction by Claire Light

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-34-8)

"Claire Light has pulled together a poetic and surreal collection for the second decade of the twenty-first century, which will likely generate much discussion and controversy. I"

Carole Ann Moleti, *Tangent Online*, February 2010



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Through the Drowsy Dark

Fiction and poetry

by Rachel Swirsky

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"Swirsky's range as a writer, from carefully realized fantasy stories to thought-driven short pieces and poems that embrace several political and feminist perspectives, is one of the most impressive things about *Through the Drowsy Dark*."

Sara Polsky, *Strange Horizons*, August 2010

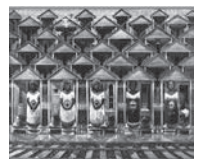
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Shotgun Lullabies

Short fiction by Sheree Renée Thomas

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-59-1)

In this first collection of the stories and poetry of Sheree Thomas, memory is the only force strong enough to counter the terrors of a scarred and forgetful world. Thomas' characters are people scraping by in slave quarters and institutional margins, people in search of freedom and transformation who come face to face with apocalyptic powers.





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A Novella by Kristin Livdahl

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Set in a place where time has its own logic, human and animal is a shifting perspective, and the people we love are always slightly other—and better—than we imagined, *A Brood of Foxes* faces us with the moral dimensions of environmental disasters—in a troublingly literal way.

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The Bone Spindle

Poetry and Short Fiction

by Anne Sheldon

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-72-0)

Anne Sheldon's heroines have lowered eyes and seditious smiles. They are people of folklore and fairy tales. These fourteen story-poems and stories focus on the work that women do with spinning wheel, spindle, and knitting needles. They are accompanied by evocative images of these instruments and the cloth they yield.



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The Last Letter

A Novella by Fiona Lehn

(ISBN: 978-1-933500-86-7)

"This story of a biologist's attempt to stop the advance of a strange and voracious parasite in a protected forest perfectly balances the personal and the scientific, working as both a character study and a fascinatingly odd encounter with a foreign ecosystem."

Jeff VanderMeer, *Omnivoracious*, December 2011



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We Wuz Pushed: On Joanna Russ and Radical Truth-Telling

Essay by Brit Mandelo

(ISBN: 78-1-61976-005-9)

"To speak radical truths— unapologetically, ferociously, rudely when necessary — is

the central purpose of Joanna Russ's influential body of work," declares Brit Mandelo in her essay on Russ's radical, groundbreaking literary and critical work.... Russ emerges in Mandelo's essay as a heroic though all-too-human intellectual and artist, one whose angry, brilliant work we cannot afford to ignore or forget.

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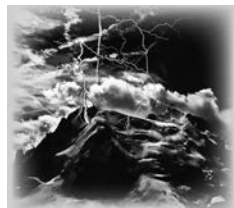


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"Structurally speaking, this book is brilliant. The stories are interlinked, yet they build on each other in unusual ways.... Each story disrupts the expectations that the previous one has set. The relationships between characters change in surprising and poignant ways."

Molly Katz, *Strange Horizons*, August 2015



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"... the innumerable facets of female identity glitter at the heart of these darkly beautiful treks through otherworldly landscapes of desire and pain, belonging and loneliness, creation and destruction."

David Bowles, *The Monitor*, December 2014

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"The poetry here has the brilliance of a knife's edge, sharp and cuttngly clean, saturated with meaning and freighted with significance."

Liz Bourke, *Strange Horizons*, January 2016

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An eighteenth-century writer creating new versions of fairy tales, Levesque published "The Prince of Aquamarines" and "The Invisible Prince" in 1722. Jacques Barchilon, in his study of the French fairy tales (*Le Conte Merveilleux Français de 1690 à 1790*), praised Levesque for her style, imagination, and penetrating psychology. He was struck by her use of horrific elements, reminding him of Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*, a century later.



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Short fiction by Celeste Rita Baker

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Did you ever wonder what the earth thinks? What's its favorite song? How she ended up in your heart? Think you can't fly? Think you have a job you don't like? How much would you pay for answers?

No, you can't touch my hair. And yes, I've seen your two-toned shoes. Have you seen my father?

Did you ever wonder what clouds are really for? Or how I ended up like this? How old is too old for butter and beef? What's that one last thing you have to do? And who will help you through?

"Celeste Rita Baker's stories balance heartache and hilarity with poetic, uncompromising prose. This collection sings ancient songs with a modern beat. It is fully alive."

Daniel José Older, author of *Salsa Nocturna*

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A novella by Lisa Shapter

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1963: Emran Greene is a successful corporate accountant, a hopeful soon-to-be-father, and an unremarkable husband—except for the lingering effects of an experimental wartime truth serum, his ex-boyfriend, the impossibility of his conceiving a child, and all of the other secrets he keeps from his wife and his employer. One of these, the secret of the lonely grave he visits regularly in Riverport's Castleview Cemetery, holds a tragedy that just won't stay gone...

"There's a touch of Philip K. Dick in Shapter's book. The same concerns with paranoia and psychosis are present. The one key difference being that Shapter revels in the long drawn out moments, the slow build towards a climax that remains off-screen, looming and yet to materialize."

Justin Howe, *My Bookish Ways*, July 2015



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Poetry by Jean LeBlanc

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Earth has discovered it is not alone in the universe. The aliens — pink, shapeless, and peaceful — are very nice, but after a string of failed diplomatic missions, they ask Earth to stop with the crazies and send someone normal. In frustration, the UN devises a lottery to pick the next ambassador.

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"DiRende's irreverence is a delight. And her sarcastic wit comes through in Rose's first-person narration. Your feisty little broad from Jersey knows what's what."

Gerald Everett Jones, *Splash Magazines*, June 2016



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Poetry by Rose Lemberg

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In this powerful debut collection, poet Rose Lemberg explores the deep-rooted fluidity of gender, tradition, language, and desire in landscapes as familiar as high fantasy and as foreign as San Francisco. Written in the voices of immigrants, shape-changers, sentient ships in a distant future, and heroes of a mythic past, her poems inhabit a fragile, vital space of complex identity and story as a conscious act, stubbornly urging the reader's attention toward the marginal, the liminal, and the unheard.

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